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About the Route

The unpaved trail runs through a rural backdrop as it makes its way from Cass Park in Ithaca to Taughannock Falls State Park near Trumansburg. The southern half of the trail (about 4 miles) offers a pleasant walk from Ithaca. There are no services along this trail.

The northern end of the trail is the most scenic viewpoint, with the nearby Taughannock Falls Overlook a popular spot to visit.



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States: New York

Counties: Tompkins

Length: 8.45miles

Trail end points: 121 Turtle Ln. (Ithaca) to Jacksonville Rd. (Ithaca)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Black Diamond Trail runs between 121 Turtle Ln. (Ithaca) and Jacksonville Rd. (Ithaca), with parking available on both ends.

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



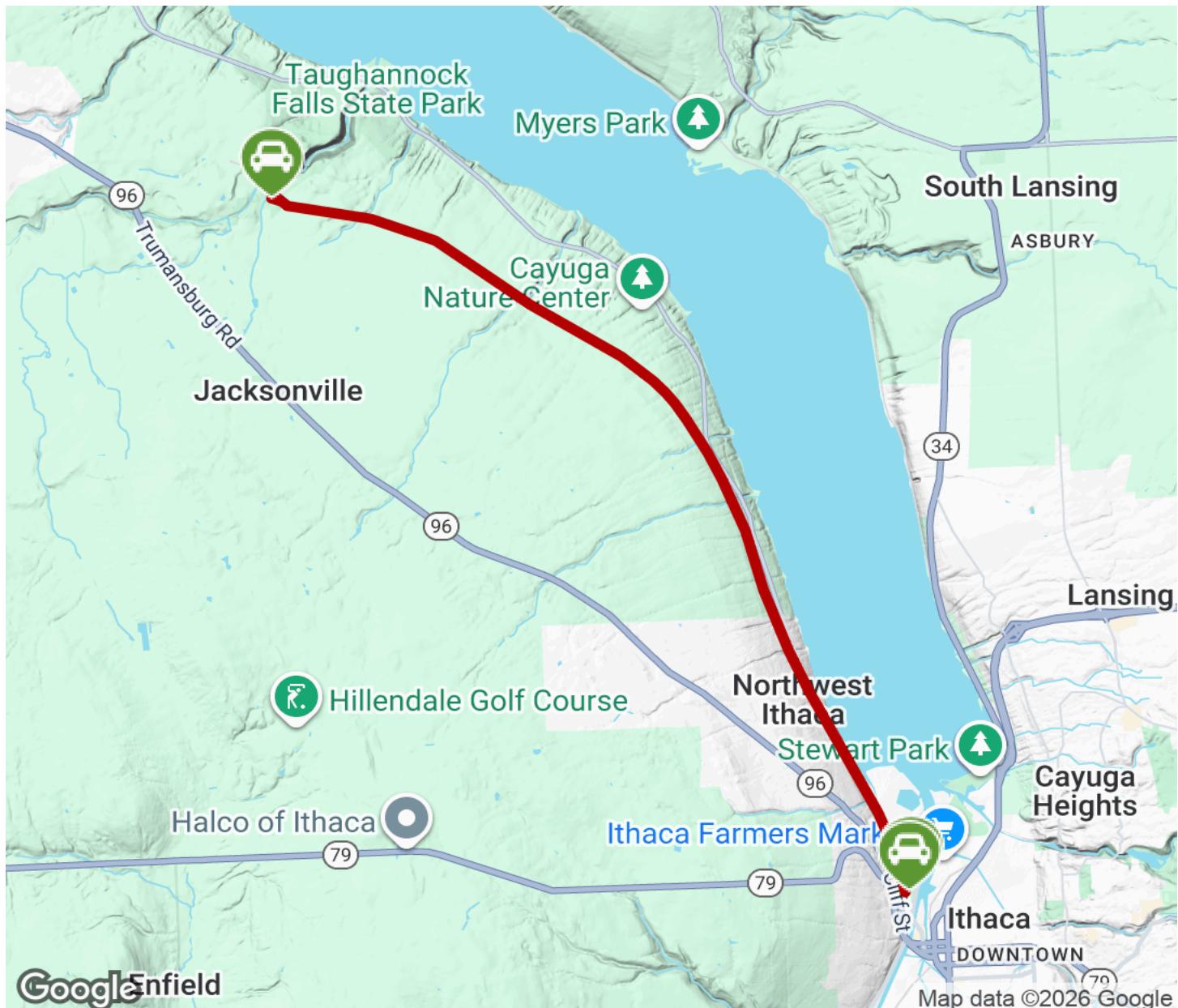
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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